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SUBJECT: MEETING OF HOUSING AND HEALTH TEAM WITH IRANIAN

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY. MEETING WITH PARVIZ HEKMAT, DEPUTY MINISTER, PLAN AND BUDGET, MANOUCHEHR VAHIDI, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND RESOURCES, MOHAMMED ASAR, UNDERSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AND H.E. HASSAN ALI MEHRAN, UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, INDICATED CLEAR NEED FOR BILATERAL MECHANISM (JOINT WORKING GROUPS) IN THE FIELDS OF HOUSING AND HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING AMERICAN TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES FOR RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC GOI PROJECTS AND THAT THIS ACTIVITY WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE TO BOTH SIDES.

2. INITIAL TOPICS OF JOINT INTEREST FOR POTENTIAL CONSIDERATION BY PROPOSED WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING COULD INCLUDE BUT SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO:

A. IDENTIFICATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF US SYSTEMS ADAPTABLE TO SOCIAL, CLIMATIC AND OTHER UNIQUE IRANIAN NEEDS FOR SUBSEQUENT SELECTION OF GOI FOR BID ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO BE IDENTIFIED AND OFFERED BY GOI.

B. STUDY OF MORTGAGE FINANCING PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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IN IRAN PRIVATE SECTOR PATTERNED AFTER US PROCEDURES.

C. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIES IN IRAN FOR PRODUCTION OF BUILDING PRODUCTS USING PETROCHEMICAL RAW MATERIALS.

D. IMPLEMENTATION OF SYSTEM FOR BONDING CONSTRUCTION FIRMS.

E. STUDY OF PROCEDURES AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH US STANDARDS.

F. INVESTIGATION OF DESIGN CRITERIA AND BUILDING STANDARDS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IN THE FIELD OF EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING.

G. INVESTIGATION OF HIGH-DENSITY, LOW-RISE HOUSING AS A COST-SAVING ALTERNATIVE TO HIGH-RISE STRUCTURES CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF ONE (1) MILLION HOUSING UNITS PROPOSED OVER NEXT FIVE (5) YEARS. RATIO APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT BY GOI, PRIMARILY LOW-INCOME HOUSING; AND 50 PERCENT BY PRIVATE IRANIAN INDUSTRY IN MIDDLE AND HIGH-INCOME CATEGORIES. US POTENTIAL COULD BE SIGNIFICANT IN TOTAL MARKET. FURTHERMORE, GOI INDICATES THEY WOULD GUARANTEE 50 PERCENT OF FOREIGN CONTRACTORS OUTPUT AS GOVERNMENT HOUSING WITH FREEDOM FOR CONTRACTOR TO COMPETE FOR OTHER PRIVATE WORK. JOINT VENTURES 51 PERCENT IRANIAN, 49 PERCENT FOREIGN ARE PREFERRED MECHANISM FOR EXECUTING WORK BUT ARE NOT MANDATORY.

4. PROPOSED BILATERAL MECHANISM NOTED IN SUMMARY IS UNIQUE IN GOI RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THESE AREAS AND INDICATES VERY FAVORABLE CONFIDENCE IN US CAPABILITIES.

5. BILATERAL MECHANISM (JOINT WORKING GROUP) ON HOUSING SHOULD INCLUDE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS FROM BOTH US AND GOI WHO CAN COMMIT RESOURCES AND PROJECTS. SUGGEST US SIDE INCLUDE COMMERCE AND HUD AND GOI SIDE INCLUDE: PLANNING AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY, COMMERCE MINISTRY, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE MINISTRY.

6. ON THE SUBJECT OF HEALTH, PRODUCTIVE MEETING HELD WITH UNDER-SECRETARY ASAR, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, REVIEWING PLANS AND AREAS FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH. THREE BASIC TOPICS IDENTIFIED AS HOLDING PROMISE FOR MUTUAL COLLABORATION INCLUDE HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (A), HEALTH MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT (B), AND UNCLASSIFIED

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RESEARCH (C).

A. HEALTH SERVICES DEVELOPMENT INCLUDES SIGNIFICANT PLANS TO EXPAND EXISTING CLINICAL CARE FACILITIES AND BRING 80 INDEPENDENT PARTS OF SYSTEM INTO COORDINATED WHOLE. PLANS CALL FOR 6,000 BEDS TO BE BUILT IN 12 LOCATIONS THIS YEAR, WITH INTERNATIONAL FIRMS, ON TURNKEY BASIS. PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT, STAFFING AT ALL LEVELS, AND MANAGEMENT. THESE FACILITIES WILL REPRESENT PRINCIPAL REGIONAL REFERRAL

CENTERS FROM EXISTING DISTRICT HOSPITALS, RURAL HEALTH CENTERS, AND "HEALTH HOUSES," ON MODEL OF DESCENDING COMPLEXITY OF CARE AND SOPHISTICATION OF FACILITIES. ADDITIONAL 14,000 BEDS PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR WITH MORE TO COME IN THE FUTURE. OVER 40 PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR ALL OR PART OF FIRST 6,000 BEDS. LETTER OF INTENT FOR 2,000 BEDS MADE WITH AMERICAN MEDICORP, INC. OF PENNSYLVANIA. 6 OR 7 OTHER US COMPANIES COMPETING FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS. MOH DESIROUS OF US FACILITATING ITS ANALYSIS OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED, AND ASSISTING IN ORIENTATION OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY TO SPECIAL NEEDS OF IRAN AS NOTED IN PARA 8.

B. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTS SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT TO EXPANSION OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM. CONTRACTORS BEING ASKED TO RECRUIT AND/OR TRAIN ALL NECESSARY STAFF WITH EMPHASIS ON TRYING TO ATTRACT IRANIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PRACTICING OUTSIDE OF IRAN. HOWEVER, DOES NOT EXCLUDE ANY OTHER NATIONALS (WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS) INCLUDING ALL LEVELS OF HEALTH WORKERS AS NECESSARY. MOH IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING DEVELOPMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS OR RELATED TYPES OF PARAMEDICS LIKE CURRENT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WITH HOPKINS AND WHO. PRIMARY CARE HEALTH WORKERS, INCLUDING PHYSICIANS, IS BASIC EMPHASIS.

C. RESEARCH INTERESTS LISTED IN 5TH 5-YEAR PLAN (73-78 WERE RECOGNIZED AS HAVING MUTUAL INTEREST. MECHANISM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND ITS COORDINATION WITH HEALTH SERVICES AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT SEEN AS IMPORTANT NEED.

7. HEALTH TEAM AND MOH AGREED THAT AD HOC HEALTH WORKING GROUP WHICH COULD COORDINATE HEALTH INPUT INTO EXISTING COMMITTEES, I.E., DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE, MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION WOULD BE USEFUL MECHANISM. BELIEVE SUGGESTION SHOULD BE MADE BY US AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETINGS SO THAT HEALTH COMPONENT CAN OPTIMIZE CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL JOINT COMMISSION EFFORTS.

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8. IRANIANS INDICATE THEY WANT CONTRACTORS SYMPATHETIC TO, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OF, IRAN AS A COUNTRY AND UNDERSTANDING OF ITS NEEDS AND PROBLEMS. THEY CRITICIZE "SCIENTIFIC SALESMEN" WHO SELL BRICK AND MORTAR WITHOUT CONCERN OF IRAN SOCIAL NEEDS. US COULD CAPITALIZE ON THIS SHORTCOMING OF COMPETITORS BY OFFERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES WITH THESE THOUGHTS IN MIND. ALSO, GOI EXPECTS CONTRACTORS TO MAKE LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS. THEY DO NOT WISH QUICK "IN AND OUT" TYPE OF OPERATIONS. IF WE OFFER THESE APPROACHES, GOI WOULD BE MOST RECEPTIVE.

9. COMMENT: DETAILED MEETINGS WITH US INDUSTRY AT THIS TIME PREMATURE BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI. USG HAS SIGNIFICANT WORK TO ACCOMPLISH PRIOR TO SUCH MEETINGS. HOWEVER, IF BASIC WORK OF USG, DONE IN COOPERATION WITH GOI, PURSUANT TO PROPOSED

BILATERAL WORKING GROUPS, IS CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY, RESULTS
COULD PROVE PRODUCTIVE TO US INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS MAKE
SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO USG-GOI RELATIONS.
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